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1. A MODEST IMPROVEMENT IN MONSOON ACTIVITY WAS RECORDED DURING THE WEEK ENDING JULY 20, WHEN COMPARED TO THE PRECEDING WEEK. THE NUMBER OF WEATHER ZONES RECEIVING NORMAL OR ABOVE NORMAL RAINFALL INCREASED TO 20 FROM 18, OUT OF A TOTAL OF 35. THE ADDITIONS THIS WEEK WERE UTTAR PRADESH AND BIHAR. THESE TWO STATES, WHICH ACCOUNT FOR APPROXIMATELY 20 PERCENT OF KHARIF FOODGRAIN PRODUCTION, HAD REMAINED IN THE BELOW NORMAL CATEGORY FOR APPROXIMATELY SIX WEEKS AND ANY FURTHER DELAY WOULD HAVE IRRETRIEVABLY SET BACK PADDY TRANSPLANTING OPERATIONS. MONSOON ACTIVITY WAS MAINLY CONFINED TO THE NORTHERN BELT EXTENDING FROM JAMMU AND KASHMIR IN THE NORTHWEST TO ASSAM AND MEGHALAYA IN THE NORTHEAST. FOR THE REST OF THE COUNTRY, ITS PERFORMANCE CONTINUED TO BE BELOW NORMAL.

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2. DURING THE WEEK ENDING JULY 20, 1977 AREAS RECEIVING NORMAL OR ABOVE NORMAL RAINFALL WERE: BAY ISLANDS, ASSAM AND MEGHALAYA, WEST BENGAL, BIHAR, UTTAR PRADESH, HARYANA, PUNJAB, HIMACHAL PRADESH, JAMMU AND KASHMIR, COASTAL AND SOUTHEAST MAHARASHTRA, TAMIL NADU, COASTAL AND NORTH INTERIOR KARNATAKA, KERALA, AND LAKSHADWEEP. RAINFALL OVER REST OF THE

COUNTRY WAS DEFICIENT TO SCANTY RANGING BETWEEN 22 PERCENT IN EAST RAJASHTHAN TO 88 PERCENT IN SOUTHWEST ANDHRA PRADESH(BELOW NORMAL).

3. CUMULATIVE RAINFALL FROM JUNE 1 TO JULY 20, 1977 WAS NORMAL OR ABOVE IN ASSAM AND MAGHALAYA, ARUNACHAL PRADESH, SOUTHERN PARTS OF WEST BENGAL, ORISSA, BIHAR, UTTAR PRADESH, HARYAN, PUNJAB, HIMACHAL PRADESH, JAMMU AND KASHIR, RAJASTHAN, MADHYA PRADESH (BARRING COASTAL AREAS), TAMIL NADU, KARNATAKA AND LASSHADWEEP. RAINFALL OVER THE BALANCE OF THE COUNTRY WAS BELOW NORMAL RANING FROM 20 PERCENT IN KERALA TO 34 PERCENT IN NAGALAND, MANIPUR, MIZORAM AND TRIPURA. THE ABOVE WEATHER ZONES WHICH RECEIVED NORMAL OR ABOVE NORMAL RAINFALL ACCOUNTED FOR APPROXIMATELY 91 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL KHARIF CEREAL PRODUCTION (COMPARED TO 53 PERCENT IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1976). USING AS A BASE THE DISTRIBUTION OF KHARIF PRODUCTION DURING 1970-71.

4. WATER FROM THE METTUR DAM IN SOUTH INDIA, WHICH IRRIGATES THE DELTA DISTRICT OF THANJAVUR (THE "RICE BOWL" OF TAMIL NADU) WAS RELEASED ON JULY 15, NINE DAYS EARLIER THAN WAS THE CASE LAST SEASON. THE WATER LEVEL IN MID-JULY STOOD AT 17.7
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